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        UNITED STATES, et al., :
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            Plaintiffs,
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                     WAYNE D. HOYER, Ph.D.,
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     called for oral examination by counsel for the
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     Street, Northwest, Suite 11-248, Washington,
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     Veritext Legal Solutions, a Notary Public in and for
     the District of Columbia, beginning at 8:33 a.m.,
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     when were present on behalf of the respective
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Page 250 Q. I'm asking about Advertiser Perceptions'

2 surveys, not the surveys that Dr. Simonson

- 3 conducted.
- 4 Are we on the same page?
- 5 A. Okay. Same criticism of that. They just
- 6 ask frequent -- they don't ask frequency. They
- 7 just ask how many tools used.
- 8 Q. You think Advertiser Perceptions' surveys
- 9 were flawed because they don't ask about frequency
- 10 of use?
- 11 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 12 Foundation.
- 13 THE WITNESS: As I said before, I haven't
- 14 seen their surveys.
- 15 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 16 Q. Right. You haven't reviewed any of
- 17 Advertiser Perceptions' other surveys, correct?
- 18 A. That's correct.
- 19 Q. So you have no basis to say whether
- 20 they're asking about frequency of use.
- A. Well, other than what's said in the
- 22 footnote of the Simonson report.

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- 1 Q. Okay. So your entire opinion is based on
- 2 the footnote -- on this score is based on the
- 3 footnote in Dr. Simonson's report?
- 4 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 5 Misstates testimony. Foundation.
- 6 THE WITNESS: As I've said, I'm not
- 7 criticizing Ad Perceptions. I criticize
- 8 Simonson's report and the fact that there's no
- 9 information on frequency of use.
- 10 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 11 Q. Okay. Well, you do question
- 12 Dr. Simonson -- the results of Dr. Simonson's
- 13 survey, don't you?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And you have no basis to opine one way or
- 16 the other as to whether the results in the survey
- 17 are similar or different to those that
- 18 Advertiser Perceptions has reached in other
- 19 surveys that it's conducted, right?
- 20 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 21 Foundation.
- THE WITNESS: That's correct.

1 BY MS. DEARBORN:

- 2 Q. All right. I'd like to ask you about
- 3 another criticism that you have of Dr. Simonson's
- 4 report, which is its exclusion of companies in his
- 5 appendix I, which is the no-contact list.
- 6 So let's start with paragraph 65 of your
- 7 report. But it's fine to turn to appendix I --
- 8 A. Uh-huh.
- 9 Q. -- while we ask these questions.
- 10 Do you know why Professor Simonson
- 11 excluded the companies in appendix I from his
- 12 survey respondent pool?
- 13 A. I don't have a detailed understanding,
- 14 but my basic understanding is that these were
- 15 companies involved in litigation about Google.
- Q. Do you think it would have been
- 17 appropriate for Professor Simonson to contact
- 18 someone who's involved in this litigation?
- 19 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Calls for a
- 20 legal conclusion.
- 21 THE WITNESS: I think it's possible. I
- 22 think -- a lot of these companies are large. And

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- 1 just because the company is involved in litigation
- 2 doesn't mean that every single member of that
- 3 company is going to know about that litigation,
- 4 nor does it mean even people not -- that are
- 5 contacted aren't aware of that litigation.
- 6 And one way you would deal with this is,
- 7 at the end of a survey, to always ask a question,
- 8 who do you think sponsored this survey or who --
- o who do you think sponsored this survey or who
- 9 or what is the purpose of this survey?
- 10 And if you get people in that question,
- 11 then they are excluded from the sample. But you
- 12 could still survey those individuals.
- 13 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 14 Q. Are you saying it would have been
- 15 appropriate to include a question at the end of
- 16 the survey that asked who do you think sponsored
- 17 the survey?
- 18 A. Absolutely. We do that all the time. I
- 19 do that in every survey I do.
- Q. And if respondents answered the question
- 21 correctly, they would be excluded?
- 22 A. Yes.

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- 1 Q. So that would have been methodologically
- 2 appropriate but not informing survey respondents
- 3 and giving them the opportunity to opt out?
- A. I would ask that question before. It's a
- 5 different issue. First of all, you want to know
- 6 are they aware of it. And then you want -- if
- 7 they are aware who it was, and they get that
- 8 correct, then you exclude them. Then you ask
- 9 and -- reveal the sponsor of the survey and see if
- 10 they have a problem with it. That's -- so it's a
- 11 different issue.
- 12 Q. I'm sorry. I just want to understand
- 13 your testimony.
- 14 You said, first of all, you want to know
- 15 if they're aware of it. And then, if they are
- 16 aware, who it was. And if they get that correct,
- 17 then you exclude them. Then you ask and reveal
- 18 the sponsor of the survey and see if they have a
- 19 problem with it.
- Are you saying that, at the end of the
- 21 survey, Dr. Simonson should have first asked
- 22 respondents to guess the sponsor of the survey and

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- 1 then they would be told the sponsor of the survey?
- 2 A. I'm saying they're separate issues.
- 3 Q. I see.
- 4 A. I'm saying standard practice in survey
- 5 research is to ask the -- what do you think the
- 6 purpose of the survey was? Or you could ask two
- 7 questions, who do you -- a lot of times in
- 8 academic research, there is no sponsor, so you
- 9 ask, what was the purpose of the survey? But if
- 10 there is a sponsor, then you ask specifically, who
- 11 was the sponsor of the survey? And then if they
- 12 say, it was Google for their antitrust litigation,
- 13 you eliminate their responses.
- 14 That's independent of the issue do you
- 15 reveal -- you could do that and not ever reveal
- 16 the sponsor.
- 17 Q. I see. So I think I understand your
- 18 testimony.
- 19 In your view, it would have been
- 20 appropriate for Dr. Simonson to ask respondents
- 21 who they thought the sponsor of the survey was and
- 22 its purpose, and if they answered correctly, then

1 to exclude their answers, correct?

- 2 A. Yes. Correct.
- 3 Q. And what you take issue with is
- 4 Dr. Simonson's choice to tell respondents the
- 5 sponsor of the survey and its purpose and then
- 6 allow themselves to opt out, right?
  - A. I don't take issue with him telling the
- 8 sponsor of the survey. My concern is that it
- 9 eliminates a substantial number of people, and its
- 10 systematic exclusion, and that questions the
- 11 reliability of the sample.
- 12 Q. So you think fewer people would opt out
- 13 if asked to guess about the sponsor of the survey
- 14 and its purpose than would opt out if told?
- 15 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 16 THE WITNESS: Again, they're separate
- 17 issues. I'm wanting to know on their own if they
- 18 answered this. And it could happen to anybody in
- 19 the sample. They could be -- people read the
- 20 New York Times, they read the news, could be
- 21 aware, even in the sample as it stands right now.
- 22 And you just -- I think you need to assess are

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- 1 people aware of the issues -- who is sponsoring
- 2 this survey, and if they are, that could bias
- 3 their responses, so you would want to exclude
- 4 them.
- 5 That's totally separate from the issue
- 6 of, for whatever reason, tell them who the sponsor
- 7 is and decide if they want to opt out of having
- 8 their responses included.
- 9 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 10 Q. You're aware that survey respondents were
- 11 only told of the survey sponsor and purpose at the
- 12 very end of the survey, right?
- 13 A. That's correct.
- 14 Q. After they had already answered all the
- 15 questions?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 Q. And that the back button on their browser
- 18 was disabled such that no answers could be changed
- 19 after the respondents learned the sponsor of the
- 20 survey and its purpose?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. How would learning the survey sponsor

Page 258 1 after completing all of the survey responses

- 2 change the results that respondents gave
- 3 beforehand?
- A. I'm not saying that at all. I don't take
- 5 issue with them revealing sponsor at the end, and
- 6 it does not change their responses. It alters the
- 7 nature of the sample because a significant number
- 8 of people opted out.
- So it has nothing to do with the
- 10 reliability of their responses prior to that.
- 11 It's simply what happened as a result of that,
- 12 that revealing.
- 13 Q. Would you agree that a survey is blind if
- 14 survey respondents are unaware of the sponsor
- 15 while they're answering questions?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. So in that way, Dr. Simonson's survey was
- 18 blind, right?
- 19 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 20 THE WITNESS: It was blind in design.
- 21 Yes.
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- 1 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- Q. Do you have any reason to believe that
- 3 survey respondents were aware of the survey
- 4 sponsor as they answered questions?
- 5 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- THE WITNESS: I have no data on that.
- 7 It's possible, but there's no data -- if he had
- 8 asked that question at the end, we could know.
- 9 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 10 Q. Are you aware that there is some research 10
- 11 that has found that identifying the survey
- 12 sponsor, even while respondents are answering
- 13 questions, has no meaningful effect on survey
- 14 responses?
- 15 A. That's -- there could be isolated
- 16 incidences, but based -- you know, particularly
- 17 Diamond cites this. There can be an instance
- 18 where you might reveal it, but the general
- 19 practice -- the most important practice is to have 19 indicates that there's some concern about perhaps
- 20 a double blind survey.
- 21 Q. Despite the fact that it might be
- 22 standard practice to have a blind survey, are you 22 of Google ad tools, concerning about some --

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- 1 aware of research that has found that there is no
- 2 effect of disclosure of a survey sponsor on the
- 3 results of a survey?
- 4 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 5 THE WITNESS: I can't cite any specific
- 6 articles, but that's contextual. It depends how
- 7 charged the questions are. There clearly was an
- 8 issue here because such a substantial -- a large
- 9 number of people opted out, that they were very
- 10 concerned that Google was the sponsor or they
- 11 wouldn't have opted out of the survey. After
- 12 going through all that, answering 39 questions and
- 13 then deciding to have them excluded, there was a
- 14 clear concern from those respondents.
- 15 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- Q. Have you conducted any experiments to
- 17 determine the effect of disclosure of sponsorship
- 18 on survey responses?
- 19 A. I have not.
- 20 Q. Have you conducted any experiments to
- 21 determine the effects of disclosure of a survey's
- 22 purpose on respondents to a survey?

- A. Generally -- I have not, but that's not a
- 2 topic I've seen anybody -- that's not something we
- 3 do. It's standard practice we do not reveal the
- 4 sponsor or the purpose of the survey.
- 5 Q. Do you have any reason to believe that
- 6 the individuals who opted out of having their
- 7 survey responses included in the final results
- 8 would have answered Dr. Simonson's questions
- 9 differently from the eventual survey respondents?
- MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Well, as I say in my
- 12 report, it's not systematic -- I mean, it is
- 13 systematic exclusion if it was random, just people
- 14 randomly.
- 15 But specifically, my hypothesis is -- and
- 16 I don't have data to support, other than the
- 17 incidence of opting out was 50 percent higher in
- 18 the high spend advertising survey. And that
- 20 Google getting their answers or knowing what they
- 21 answered. And particularly if they're heavy users

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- 1 what -- that effect Google -- you know, would
- 2 Google come after them, whatever.
- 3 I don't have hard-core evidence, but
- 4 based on those different percentages, that seems
- 5 to be consistent with that view.
- 6 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 7 Q. Okay. You don't have hard -- you said
- 8 you don't have hard-core evidence.
- 9 A. I don't have actual data on those
- 10 respondents.
- 11 Q. Okay. You don't have data that would
- 12 suggest that people who answered -- strike that.
- 13 You don't have data that would suggest
- 14 that people who opted out of having their survey
- 15 responses included in the final results would have
- 16 answered differently --
- 17 A. Yeah.
- 18 Q. -- from the eventual survey population,
- 19 right?
- 20 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 21 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I do not because
- 22 Simonson does not provide -- I assume he destroyed

A. Yes.

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- Q. Okay. Now, in one of your prior answers,
- 3 you said that survey respondents might be
- 4 concerned that Google would come after them for
- 5 their responses, right?
- 6 A. I may not have used those exact words,
- 7 but something to that effect.
- 8 Q. Okay. You're aware that the survey
- 9 respondents' identities were kept confidential,
- 10 right?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. So what's your basis for thinking that
- 13 Google could retaliate against survey respondents
- 14 in the way that you suggest?
- 15 A. I'm not saying Google would. And you're
- 16 right, they don't know who -- but why were they
- 17 concerned? You have a group -- the hard-core
- 18 evidence is you have a significant percentage of
- 19 people who, when they found out Google was the
- 20 sponsor and it related to the antitrust
- 21 litigation, they wanted out, even after taking the
- 22 time to fill out the questionnaire.

- 1 that data and does not have that data, because
- 2 they asked to have it excluded.
- 3 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 4 Q. You say you assume that he destroyed that
- 5 data.
- 6 Do you know one way or the other?
- 7 A. I don't, but he should have.
- 8 Q. Okay. Once survey respondents opted out
- 9 of having their survey responses included in the
- 10 final results, it was appropriate for Dr. Simonson
- 11 not to look at those responses any further, right?
- 12 A. Absolutely.
- 13 Q. And it was appropriate for him not to
- 14 include them in his final report, right?
- 15 A. Absolutely.
- 16 Q. Because doing otherwise would have broken
- 17 a promise.
- 18 A. Absolutely.
- 19 Q. Okay. Now, you said that the number of
- 20 individuals who opted out in the higher spend
- 21 survey was higher than in the lower spend survey.
- 22 Is that the case?

- 1 There has to be a reason. It's not
- 2 random.
- 3 Q. You say there has to be a reason. But
- 4 you didn't test it, because you couldn't, right?
- 5 A. Right. I couldn't.
- 6 Q. Right.
- 7 A. There's no data. There's no open-ended
- 8 responses, why did you opt out?
- 9 Q. But you didn't, for example, conduct a
- 10 survey where you did not give survey respondents
- 11 the ability to opt out and see whether the results
- 12 would be any different.
- 13 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 14 THE WITNESS: No. As I said, I've not
- 15 done any other surveys.
- 16 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 17 Q. Okay. How would a respondent to these
- 18 surveys know whether the answers were good for
- 19 Google or bad for Google?
- A. I can't speculate, but all I can say is
- 21 they had some reason to opt out of that survey.
- Q. Well, you do speculate in your report in

Page 266 Page 268 1 thinking. I can only speculate. But there 1 paragraph 83, don't you? 2 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form. 2 clearly was a reason. 3 BY MS. DEARBORN: 3 THE WITNESS: Yeah, we just said this a 4 minute ago. Q. But again, you haven't tested what that 5 BY MS. DEARBORN: 5 reason might be? 6 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form. Q. Right. You say, "It is entirely possible 7 7 that respondents who chose to have their responses THE WITNESS: No, I have not. 8 BY MS. DEARBORN: 8 excluded did not want Google to have access to 9 9 their responses despite being told at the Q. Okay. We took a little bit of a detour 10 away from the no-contact list, so let's go back to 10 beginning that their responses would be 11 anonymous." 11 Exhibit [sic] I, please. 12 12 A. Okay. That's what you wrote, right? 13 Q. I'd like you to assume with me for a 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. And you're just speculating as to why 14 moment that Dr. Simonson could not conduct a 15 survey that contacted the individuals in 15 respondents might have opted out, right? 16 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form. 16 appendix I. Just posit that. 17 THE WITNESS: Yes. Because it's 17 A. Okay. Q. That he had a valid reason for doing 18 systematic. It's not random -- a random response. 18 19 They were specifically told something. And for a 19 that. 20 20 significant number of people, they decided to A. Okav. Q. Is it your opinion that it is impossible 21 behave in a certain way, a consistent manner. So 21 22 to conduct a reliable survey of advertisers while 22 there has to be some reason for it. Page 267 Page 269 1 Whether my reason is correct or not is 1 also excluding the entities in appendix I? 2 not the issue. The issue is there was a concern 2 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form. 3 that -- when they found out that Google had 3 THE WITNESS: Of this magnitude, yes. 4 sponsored the survey. 4 BY MS. DEARBORN: 5 BY MS. DEARBORN: Q. So you think no survey could have been 5 Q. But the reasons for opting out in 6 done in this case that would have been 7 paragraph 83, that's just your speculation, 7 methodologically sound if it was required that the 8 correct? 8 entities in appendix I be excluded? 9 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form. 9 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form. 10 THE WITNESS: If -- under that 10 THE WITNESS: Yes. 11 BY MS. DEARBORN: 11 assumption. But as I said before, it would be Q. Why would a respondent think that their 12 possible. You take one example, Walt Disney 13 answers would harm Google in a survey that Google 13 Company. How many thousands of people work for 14 sponsored --14 Walt Disney Company? Is every single person in 15 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. 15 that company aware of these issues? 16 BY MS. DEARBORN: 16 I still think you could -- I think it was 17 Q. -- as you suggest here in paragraph 83? 17 a bad decision to exclude all these companies. 18 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form. 18 And -- but what you would do is ask the questions 19 THE WITNESS: Again, as you said, I'm 19 about "do you know who the sponsor of this survey

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20 is" at the end. And if they're not, then it's

21 fine to have them in the survey.

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20 speculating, but perhaps they are users of Google

21 tools, Google Ads, and that Google might charge

22 them a higher -- I don't know what they were

1 BY MS. DEARBORN:

- 2 Q. Okay. I think that there's two separate
- 3 things going on here. Right? One is the
- 4 informed -- the fact that Dr. Simonson informed
- 5 respondents at the end of the survey as to its
- 6 sponsor and its purpose?
- A. That's a different -- totally different
- 8 issue.
- 9 Q. Right. So I'm asking a much more narrow
- 10 question, which is, do you think no survey could
- 11 have been done in this case --
- 12 A. The --
- 13 Q. -- if it excluded the entities on
- 14 appendix I?
- 15 A. If you excluded them, yes, you could not
- 16 get a representative sample. But I'm saying
- 17 that -- is it impossible to do a survey? You
- 18 could, under the conditions I mentioned.
- 19 Q. Okay. So -- but in your example, you
- 20 would contact all of these individuals in
- 21 appendix I. You would just then ask them to guess
- 22 about the survey's respondents or --

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- Q. All right. Well, you understand
- 2 Dr. Simonson was surveying advertisers, right?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. You understand that Dr. Simonson was not
- 5 conducting a survey of website publishers, right?
- 6 A. That's correct.
- 7 Q. Does appendix I include website
- 8 publishers?
- 9 A. I don't remember, to be honest.
- 10 Yes
- 11 Q. And you understand that Dr. Simonson was
- 12 not conducting a survey of ad tech providers,
- 13 right?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Does appendix I include ad tech
- 16 providers?
- 17 A. I don't remember specifically.
- 18 Q. If you need to refresh your recollection,
- 19 you can look at page 1.
- 20 A. Page 1 of?
- Q. Of appendix I.
- 22 A. Okay. And your question is?

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- A. Well, I wouldn't contact all of them. I
- 2 would have a representative sample that included
- 3 these, possibly.
- 4 Q. I see. Again, in your view, it was
- 5 impossible to do a survey in this case if
- 6 Dr. Simonson couldn't --
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. -- contact the individuals in appendix I.
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Okay. Now, one of the excluded companies
- 11 in appendix I is Google's parent company,
- 12 Alphabet, right?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. You point this out in your report.
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Are you saying Google should have
- 17 surveyed its own parent company?
- 18 A. No, I'm not saying that. But I'm saying
- 19 eliminating 580 companies is not necessary.
- 20 Q. Okay. Well, he didn't really eliminate
- 21 580 companies, did he, Dr. Hoyer?
- A. That was my understanding, it was 580.

Q. Does appendix I, the no-contact list,

- 2 include ad tech providers?
- 3 A. Yes, it does.
- 4 Q. Okay. And it was not erroneous for
- 5 Dr. Simonson to exclude publishers or ad tech
- 6 providers from his survey population, right?
- 7 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 8 THE WITNESS: No, it was not.
- 9 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 10 Q. Right. Because he was surveying
- 11 advertisers --
- 12 A. Right.
- 13 Q. -- right?
- So he didn't exclude 580 companies from
- 15 his survey population, did he?
- A. I would have to go back and see how those
- 17 numbers were calculated. But the key issue is not
- 18 so much the number as the amount of revenue and
- 19 the amount of advertising that is done on ad tools
- 20 by the companies that -- by companies that were
- 21 excluded.
- 22 Q. Okay. How many advertisers did

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- 1 Dr. Simonson exclude because they're listed in
- 2 appendix I?
- 3 A. I believe there was 580. I'd have to go
- 4 back and check the numbers.
- 5 Q. Well, 580 includes ad tech providers and
- 6 publishers, though, right?
- 7 A. I'm not sure. I don't remember. There
- 8 are, like, 580 in this table.
- 9 Q. Where did that number, 580, in your
- 10 report --
- 11 A. I asked --
- 12 Q. -- come from?
- 13 A. -- Brattle to calculate that for me.
- 14 Q. And what instructions did you give
- 15 Brattle to come up with the number 580?
- 16 A. To find out that -- the number of
- 17 advertising companies that were excluded.
- 18 Q. So you think 580 is the number of
- 19 advertising companies that were excluded from the
- 20 survey?
- A. As I said, I'd have to go back and check.
- Q. Okay. If it's significantly smaller than

- 1 other number.
- 2 And, you know, if you look at that
- 3 paragraph where that is quoted, there's a lot
- 4 of -- you know, it really adds to the
- 5 unrepresentativeness of the sample.
- 6 Q. Have you done any analysis as to whether
- 7 the results of Dr. Simonson's surveys would change

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- 8 if the excluded companies in appendix I were, in
- 9 fact, included in the survey population?
- 10 A. I have not done that.
- 11 Q. Do you have a basis one way or the other
- 12 to opine as to the direction in which inclusion of
- 13 those individuals in the survey population would
- 14 have impacted the results?
- 15 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 16 Foundation.
- 17 THE WITNESS: Showing that your sample is
- 18 representative is his responsibility, not mine.
- 19 He should have shown that there were no
- 20 differences or that that is a valid sample.
- He has provided, as far as I can see, no
- 22 evidence that his sample is representative of the

- 1 580, would that surprise you?
- 2 MR. SHEANIN: Objection to form.
- 3 THE WITNESS: It would surprise me. But
- 4 again, the key issue is the amount of spending
- 5 that occurred. It's still a very significant
- 6 number that were excluded. And the amount of
- 7 revenue that -- Google's own revenue that comes
- 8 from those companies is substantial.
- 9 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 10 Q. Okay. If the number 580 includes all of
- 11 the entities here in Exhibit I -- or, sorry, in
- 12 appendix I and is not advertisers, do you want to
- 13 revise your report?
- 14 A. It doesn't change my opinion.
- 15 Q. Would you like to revise that number in
- 16 your report?
- 17 A. If -- given the opportunity, yes.
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 A. But still the key conclusion is, for
- 20 example, 9 of the top 15 whales, which are the
- 21 largest ad spenders on Google Ads, were excluded.
- 22 That's significant, independent of 580 or any

- 1 population.
- 2 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 3 Q. Okay. Now, in previous surveys that you
- 4 have conducted, you have excluded certain members
- 5 of populations because you weren't able to contact
- 6 them for one reason or another, right?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Right. So in the credit union case that
- 9 you just mentioned, you excluded any respondents
- 10 who were a current member of the credit union,
- 11 right?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 14 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 15 Q. Did you think the exclusion of members of
- 16 the credit union created a bias in your survey?
- 17 A. The population we were representing or
- 18 trying to generalize to were potential credit
- 19 union members. And so that's what we had. We had
- 20 a sample, representative sample, of credit union
- 21 members.
- 22 Q. Got it.

Page 278 Page 280 A. Do you have the reference for it so I 1 MR. SHEANIN: And can I just say -- I 1 2 just, again, want to caution you not to go into 2 can --3 anything that would revel confidential information 3 Q. I don't, unfortunately. 4 in that matter. 4 It's a -- well, I have a study that you 5 MS. DEARBORN: To set Dr. Hoyer's mind at 5 published in the Journal of the Academy 6 of Marketing Science. 6 ease, the report is publicly available. 7 MR. SHEANIN: Okay. 7 A. Okay. 8 Q. Does that jog your memory? MS. DEARBORN: So I don't think there's 8 9 A. No. I have had about 15 articles, or --9 confidentiality concern here. 10 Q. Okay. I'll ask it more generally. 10 BY MS. DEARBORN: 11 When you conduct surveys, as a general 11 Q. But of course I'm not asking you to 12 matter, it's usually appropriate to exclude 12 violate your -- any confidentiality obligations 13 that you're under, but I'm asking questions to 13 minors, right? 14 which I believe the answers are public knowledge. 14 A. Yes. Q. And -- but minors make purchasing 15 A. Well, there was a reason for that, and 15 16 the reason was we were testing a language of 16 decisions, right? 17 A. Yes. 17 Vistar's agreement that, when people signed up for 18 an account, they had to read that and understand 18 Q. Does the exclusion of minors from survey 19 the terms of that account. And people who are 19 populations make the surveys any less reliable? 20 A. It depends on what type of survey you're 20 already members have already seen that account, 21 talking about. If it's an academic study, we 21 and that doesn't give an indication of how well 22 new members would understand that language. 22 aren't as concerned about representative [sic] of Page 279 Page 281 1 MR. SHEANIN: Okay. 1 the sample. If it's a litigation survey where 2 THE WITNESS: So that's how we... 2 you're trying to draw specific conclusions about a 3 MR. SHEANIN: I'd remind you to only 3 population, and they are a significant buyer, then 4 respond to questions that were actually on the 4 it is a problem. 5 table and posed to you, and I don't believe there Q. Now, Dr. Simonson concludes that, to the 6 was one posed to you at that point. 6 extent the companies that he excluded, because MS. DEARBORN: And I would request that 7 they appeared on the no-contact list, are, on 8 counsel not coach the witness. 8 average, more sophisticated advertisers, then his 9 results would likely to be conservative on key 9 BY MS. DEARBORN: Q. Okay. You've conducted surveys of 10 topics such as multi-homing and substitution. 11 purchasers of MP3s. 11 Do you have any reason to doubt that 12 Do you recall that? 12 conclusion? 13 A. Yes. 13 A. Yes. He provides no evidence of that. Q. And when you conducted a survey of 14 Why would they be -- why would it be more 15 consumers who purchased MP3s, you excluded from 15 conservative? I don't understand that comment. 16 your survey population any individuals under the 16 Q. Did you review the bases for 17 age of 18, right? 17 Dr. Simonson's statement? A. Which study are you referring to? I 18 A. I did, but I don't remember the 19 remember vaguely, but I don't have a detailed 19 specifics. Q. Did you disagree with him when you 20 memory of that. 20 Q. It's a 2020 study that you did on MP3 21 reviewed that paragraph in his report? 22 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form. 22 purchasing.

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Page 284 Page 282 1 THE WITNESS: To be perfectly honest, Q. But you did not specifically disagree 2 that's a phrase that academics use all the time to 2 with Dr. Simonson's conclusion that exclusion of 3 try to get them out of difficult situations 3 the companies on the no-contact list may have 4 that -- it's not necessarily a valid statement, to 4 rendered his survey results conservative, rights? 5 be quite honest. 5 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. 6 BY MS. DEARBORN: 6 BY MS. DEARBORN: Q. Which phrase, the fact that --Q. That's not something that you said in 8 A. Likely to be conservative. 8 your report? Q. It's not a phrase you've ever used 9 MR. SHEANIN: Objection to form. 10 before, Dr. Hoyer? 10 THE WITNESS: I didn't say it in my A. Oh, I've used it. We all use it. But 11 report. But since you're asking me, I don't -- I 12 can't accept that comment at face value. 12 that doesn't mean it's right. 13 BY MS. DEARBORN: Q. But still, you have no basis to disagree 14 with that conclusion in his report, despite the Q. All right. Let's look at paragraph 69 of 14 15 fact that you question the use of the word 15 your report, please. 16 "conservative," right? 16 All right. And in this paragraph you 17 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form. 17 criticize Dr. Simonson because you say he has no THE WITNESS: He doesn't provide detailed 18 way to ascertain whether two, five, ten, or more 18 19 reasons of why it would be conservative, and I --19 respondents in his final sample work for the same 20 I would have to be convinced of his reasoning 20 company, right? 21 21 before I would accept that statement. A. Yes. Q. That's because, theoretically, people 22 22 Page 283 Page 285 1 BY MS. DEARBORN: 1 from different business units in the same company 2 could answer the survey? Q. Well, part of your assignment was to 3 review and respond to Dr. Simonson's report, 3 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form. 4 right? 4 THE WITNESS: Or from the same business A. Yes. 5 unit even. 5 Q. And disagreeing with his statement that 6 BY MS. DEARBORN: 7 exclusion of individuals on the no-contact list is Q. Did you look at the data that 8 not a criticism -- strike that. 8 Dr. Simonson provided to determine how many His conclusion that exclusion of the 9 individuals from the same company answered the 10 companies on the no-contact list was likely to 10 survey? 11 make the results of his survey conservative is not MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form. 11 12 a conclusion that you challenge in your report, 12 Foundation. 13 THE WITNESS: I don't recall. I don't 13 correct? A. I challenge that the sample is 14 remember seeing that. 15 unrepresentative, and we don't know how that 15 BY MS. DEARBORN: 16 affected the survey. Q. Is that something you looked into? 16 But the issue -- it's not a valued [sic] 17 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form. 18 Foundation. 18 support because the purpose of a survey should be 19 to be able to draw valid conclusions on a 19 THE WITNESS: I was just basing it on his 20 representative sample. And anything less than 20 report that he didn't mention that there was any 21 that calls into question the reliability and 21 effort to only have single individuals from each 22 company. I didn't see his description of that. 22 usefulness of the survey.

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Page 326 Page 328 1 always games that subjects play. It's -- the key 1 question that question as being vague. 2 is whether it's systematic demand characteristics. 2 MS. DEARBORN: Okay. Let's look at --3 let's do tab 30, please, Anita. Let's mark -- I 3 BY MS. DEARBORN: Q. Right. So you would agree that some 4 believe we're up to Exhibit 5. 5 demand characteristics effect is minor? 5 (Hover Deposition Exhibit 5 marked for MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form. identification and attached to the 6 6 7 THE WITNESS: The key issue is whether it transcript.) 8 BY MS. DEARBORN: 8 systematically influences results in a certain 9 way. And particularly, does it influence results Q. Okay. We've marked as Hoyer Exhibit 5 an 10 towards the hypothesis of the researcher? 10 article titled, "Service brand relationship 11 BY MS. DEARBORN: 11 quality: Hot or cold?" 12 12 Q. Have you done any empirical analysis to Do you recognize this document, 13 determine whether demand effects influenced 13 Dr. Hoyer? 14 Dr. Simonson's study in a systematic way? 14 A. Yes. 15 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form. 15 O. What is it? 16 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I am not -- I did not 16 A. Yes. 17 have the time to do a study of that nature. It 17 O. What is it? A. It's an article I wrote with my Swiss 18 was not part of my assignment. 18 19 BY MS. DEARBORN: 19 colleagues looking at -- it was mainly focused on Q. Would you agree that there's no such 20 brand relationship quality. 21 thing as a perfect survey? 21 Q. Do you stand by the results of this 22 A. I would agree with that. But some 22 paper? Page 327 Page 329 1 surveys are much more flawed than others. 1 2 Q. Have you ever asked survey respondents Q. Do you think the methodology you employed 3 questions about what they would do in a response 3 was reliable --4 to a price increase without specifying the amount A. As far as --4 5 of that increase? 5 Q. -- in conducting a survey? A. I don't do pricing research, so no, I 6 A. As far as I can recall, yes. Q. Just because I'm watching the transcript 7 have not. 7 Q. Have you ever seen that asked? 8 here, please let me finish my question before you 9 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form. 9 start your answer. Our transcript is going to be THE WITNESS: Most typically -- again, 10 a mess otherwise. 11 I've seen many studies. Studies that I can recall MR. SHEANIN: Yeah, if every one would 11 12 seeing do specify an amount, like dollar amount or 12 take a moment so that you could finish the 13 percentage increase. 13 question, I can finish an objection and you can 14 BY MS. DEARBORN: 14 get a good answer --15 Q. Have you ever seen a survey done that THE WITNESS: Guilty, sorry. 16 asks respondents what they would do in response to MR. SHEANIN: I promise that our court 16 17 a price increase without specifying the dollar 17 reporter would be appreciative. 18 amount or specific amount of the increase? 18 BY MS. DEARBORN: 19 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form. Asked 19 Q. Okay. So just to ask my question again, 20 and answered. 20 you stand by the methodology that you employed in 21 THE WITNESS: Not that I can recall. And 21 conducting this study, correct? 22 if I were a reviewer of a study, I would highly 22 A. Yes.

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Page 330 Page 332 Q. All right. So this study involved a 1 But no, we did not change that question 2 survey, right? 2 based on the previous scale. 3 A. Yes. Q. And the previous scale, that's not a 4 Q. It involved a survey of consumers, 4 dollar figure scale, right? That's, like, a 5 correct? 5 sliding scale from 1 to whatever, indicating the A. As far as I remember, yes. 6 6 extent to which the respondent agreed with that 7 Q. And the survey questions are reproduced 7 phrase? 8 in appendix A, right? 8 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form. 9 9 A. Yes. THE WITNESS: I don't remember if it was 10 Q. And the only difference between the 10 a sliding scale. 11 survey questions reproduced in appendix A and 11 BY MS. DEARBORN: 12 those you actually gave to survey respondents is 12 Q. Okay. 13 that you actually substituted a brand in response 13 A. It's been ten years. I --14 to the Xs in this table, right? 14 Q. Well, you said the previous scale cited A. I believe so. This was done ten years 15 15 there, so I'm just trying to understand what that 16 ago, but yes, I think so. 16 previous scale is. 17 Q. Right. So, here, X was a brand of 17 A. The Netemeyer, et al., 2004 scale. 18 airline? Q. And what is that scale? Can you describe 18 19 A. Yes. 19 it for me? 20 Q. But otherwise, these were verbatim the 20 A. Well, it's these two -- it's a scale to 21 questions that you gave to survey respondents, 21 measure willingness to pay. 22 right? 22 Q. But how is -- what are the actual values Page 331 Page 333 A. Technically, yes. It's an English 1 on that scale? 2 translation. It was Swiss -- it was in German. 2 A. I don't remember. 3 Q. But you think this was accurately Q. Is it a specific dollar amount? 4 translated, correct? 4 A. I can't remember, to be honest. It's ten A. Yes. 5 years ago. Q. Okay. So I'd like to focus your Q. Just based -- looking at the language of 7 attention midway down the page. There are two 7 this question --8 questions underneath the header "Willingness to A. I mean, it might be -- I could take time 9 pay a price premium." 9 to read the article, to go back and see what all 10 Do you see that? 10 the scales were, but I don't remember off the top 11 11 of my head. A. Yes. 12 Q. And one of the questions that you asked 12 Q. Well, you agree that the question that 13 consumers in this survey was, "The price of X 13 you asked survey respondents was, "The price of X 14 would have to go up quite a bit before I would 14 would have to go up quite a bit before I would 15 switch to another airline brand," right? 15 switch to another airline brand," right? 16 16 A. Yes. A. Yes. 17 Q. Did you put a specific value on the 17 Q. So the most likely scale that would allow 18 phrase "quite a bit" anywhere in this survey? 18 respondents to answer that question is one that A. This is a standard set of questions. 19 indicates their willingness to pay, right? 20 "Willingness to pay" is a common term and is based 20 Very -- strongly agree, do not agree, et cetera? 21 on a previous scale that's cited there, Netemeyer, 21 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form. 22 et al. 22 Foundation.

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	n 224		n 22/
1	Page 334 THE WITNESS: That's one way you could	1	Page 336 switch to another airline brand," right?
	measure it. You could also ask them and some	2	MR. SHEANIN: Asked and answered.
	studies do how much would it have to go up	3	THE WITNESS: Yes.
	before I would switch to another brand?	-	BY MS. DEARBORN:
	BY MS. DEARBORN:	5	Q. And in answering that question,
6	Q. That would be a different question,		respondents were required to indicate their
	though, right, Dr. Hoyer?		response on a sliding scale that went from
8			"strongly disagree" to "strongly agree"?
9	Q. But you would have to ask a different	9	A. It's not a sliding scale. It's a
	question in order to evaluate how much the price		seven-point scale, and they circle one of the
	would have to go up in order for them to switch,		or indicate one of the numbers from 1 to 7.
		12	
	right? A. Yes.		Q. I appreciate the clarification.
13		13	In order to answer the question "The
14			price of X would have to go up quite a bit before
	pointed out a portion of this article that might		I would switch to another airline brand,"
	reflesh refresh your recollection as to the way		respondents answered on a scale that went from
	that the scale was worded.		"strongly disagree" to "strongly agree"?
18	If you could turn to page 96 of this	18	A. That's correct.
19	7.1	19	Q. And this question did not ask about a
	sentence of the first paragraph says, "With few		specific dollar amount that the price would go up,
	exceptions (i.e., consideration of set size, share		right?
22	of wallet, and revenue per customer), all items	22	A. It did not.
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1	were measured with a seven-point Likert"	1	Q. And it didn't ask about a specific
2	L-i-k-e-r-t		percentage that the price would go up before they
3	A. Likert.	3	would answer that question, right?
4	Q "type scale, anchored by 'strongly	4	A. Yes.
5	disagree' and 'strongly agree.'"	5	MR. SHEANIN: Object to form.
6	Do you see that?	6	THE WITNESS: Sorry.
7	A. Yes.	7	BY MS. DEARBORN:
8	Q. So the willingness to pay questions are	8	Q. Okay. And you do not think that asking
9	not one of the three exceptions that are listed	9	this question was unreliable in any way, right?
10	there, right?	10	MR. SHEANIN: Objection to form.
11	A. That's correct.	11	THE WITNESS: I don't think it's the best
12	Q. So the willingness to pay questions were	12	way we could have asked it. In retrospect, I
13	measured with a scale anchored by "strongly	13	would have asked it differently, from what I know
14	disagree" and "strongly agree"?	14	now. But it's just one item on the whole study.
15	MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.	15	BY MS. DEARBORN:
16	Go ahead.	16	Q. And you did not define the phrase "quite
17	THE WITNESS: That's correct.	17	a bit" in that question, right?
18	BY MS. DEARBORN:	18	A. Correct.
19	Q. Okay. So again, to make sure we have a	19	Q. So you asked respondents, "The price of X
20	clean record with that refreshed recollection, in	20	would have to go up quite a bit before I would
21	this survey you asked consumers, "The price of X	21	switch to another airline brand," without defining
22	would have to go up quite a bit before I would	22	the specific

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1	Q. How would you go about determining
2	whether or not different people from the same
3	company or from different business units within
4	the same company took the survey?
5	A. You would need a question or data on
6	that. And in his instructions, he it is
	completely anonymous. And looking back at the
	backup data, there was no question on what company
	they were from, so there's no way to evaluate
	that.
11	MR. SHEANIN: Thank you. I have no
	further questions.
13	MS. DEARBORN: Nothing further.
14	VIDEO TECHNICIAN: Okay. This now ends
15	the deposition of Dr. Wayne Hoyer. We're off the
16	record at 5:16 p.m.
17	(Whereupon, at 5:16 p.m., the videotaped
18	deposition of WAYNE D. HOYER, Ph.D., was
19	concluded.)
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1	CERTIFICATE OF NOTARY PUBLIC
2	I, CHRISTINA S. HOTSKO, the officer before
	whom the foregoing deposition was taken, do hereby
	certify that the witness whose testimony appears in
5	the foregoing deposition was duly sworn by me; that
6	the testimony of said witness was taken by me in
7	stenotypy and thereafter reduced to typewriting under
8	my direction; that said statement is a true record of
9	the proceedings; that I am neither counsel for,
10	related to, nor employed by any of the parties to the
11	action in which this statement was taken; and,
12	further, that I am not a relative or employee of any
	counsel or attorney employed by the parties hereto,
	nor financially or otherwise interested in the
	outcome of this action.
	Dated: March 6, 2024
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18	CHRISTINA S. HOTSKO
19	Notary Public in and for the
20	District of Columbia
1 / 1	My commission expires:
	1 January 2027

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		is they were asked to focus on their biggest client."	is they were asked to focus on the client they spent the most time on."	
169	1-5	"My decades of experience doing questionnaires, people don'tthey remember individual questions, but they can forget instructions, particularly if they're violated."	"Based on my decades of experience doing questionnaires, people remember individual questions, but they can forget instructions, frequently they're violated."	Clarification
173	12	"communications, that is what I preach in my class,"	"communications, that is what I teach in my class,"	Correction
199	1	"colleagues from the University of Bern in Wharton"	"colleagues from the University of Bern and Wharton"	Clarification
203	8-10	"To ensure that our sample contains a sufficient number of companies with both hot low and high degrees of"	"To ensure that our sample contains a sufficient number of companies with both low and high degrees of"	Туро
220	2-4	"and I was explaining why I was not concerned in this study and I was concerned in mine."	"and I was explaining why I was not concerned in this study and I was concerned in <b>Prof.</b> <b>Simonson's survey</b> ."	Clarification
241	6-7	"It's not – there are not multiple quotes"	"There are multiple quotes"	Typo; Clarification
252- 253	21-5	"I think it's possible. I think a lot of these companies are large. And just because the company is involved in litigation doesn't mean that every single member of that company is going to know about that litigation, nor does it mean even people not that are contacted aren't aware of that litigation."	"I think it's possible. I think a lot of these companies are large. And just because the company is involved in litigation doesn't mean that every single member of that company is going to know about that litigation, nor does it mean even people not—that are contacted aren't aware of that litigation."	Transcription Error; Clarification
253	10-11	"And if you get people in that question, then they are excluded from the sample."	"And if you get people <b>answering</b> that question, then they are excluded from the sample."	Clarification
278	17	"Vistar's agreement that"	"Vystar's agreement that"	Туро
299	6-9	"It's formally hard to believe that just based on my analysis and these numbers, it would be I strongly suspect that the sample is unrepresentative."	"It's hard to believe that just based on my analysis and these numbers, it would be I strongly suspect that the sample is unrepresentative."	Clarification

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314-	21-2	"Because in Simon's [sic] report,	"Because in Simonson's report,	Туро
315		people are opting to change and	people are opting to change and	
		spending more and switching,	spending more and switching,	
		diverting, in his question."	diverting, in his question."	
353	13-14	"But that is, to me, a bias	"But that is, to me, a biased	Typo
		question, and it's not reflective of	question, and it's not	
		how"	reflective of how"	
356	21-22	"There are consumers cost is the	"There are consumers for whom	Clarification
		only thing, and that's	cost is the only thing,	
		why"	and that's why"	
386	4-5	"The prospective issue is about, is	"The <b>perspective</b> issue is about, is	Туро
		it my unit, is it me, is	it my unit, is it me, is it	
		it my company?"	my company?"	
392	11	"you get no actual precision."	"you get no additional precision."	Clarification
397	9-10	"No, I don't see how that's	"No, I don't see how that's	Туро
		irrelevant [sic]."	relevant."	
412	6-7	"That's not the center [sic] to my	"That's not <b>central</b> to my	Clarification
		criticism."	criticism."	
429	2-5	"But they could still not be [sic]	"But they could still not be paying	Clarification
		close attention to the	close attention to the	
		survey and not straightline that	survey and not straightline that	
		answer, but it's still not	answer, but it's still not	
		an indication that they were	an indication that they were paying	
		paying close attention to	close attention to	
		the survey."	the survey."	
430	2-3	"That seemed like a question that	"That seemed like a question that	Clarification
		could be responsible	could be susceptible	
		[sic], straight"	to straight-lining"	

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